



PAYBACK!

J.T.C.

Bye, Mr. Banks! I'll be back first thing in the morning... Don't forget to take your medicine!

OK, thank you Kelli - that's why you're my *favorite* nurse!

What is it, Alan?

Man, that is *some* house!



That bothers you?

I *hate* that old guy.
We should have a
house just like that...
we *deserve* it.

But that's impossible.
It's *never* gonna happen.



Nothing is impossible, Alan.

My client really *trusts*
me and that may be our
doorway to riches.

3 months later

Nurse Kelli, can we come by and see Uncle John?

I'm *terribly* sorry. He's had his sleeping pill and is **sound asleep**. Now is not a good time.

Who was that on the phone, Kelli? Any of my relatives?

No, it was just another salesman. I'm *sorry* your family's not calling you.

You seem to be the *only* one who really cares about me, Kelli.



You mustn't let your family upset you. They're busy with their *own* lives, but *I'll* always be here to take care of you.

2 weeks later

Hey, sweetie, your lawyer left some papers for you to sign... Are you up to it?

I really don't feel good, but I'll do it for you.

WILL

You're such a luv...

4 days later

Kelli, I think I'm dying... Where's my doctor?... Did I take my medicine? I'm so sick...

Stop complaining, John... you're getting better every day. *Trust* me!

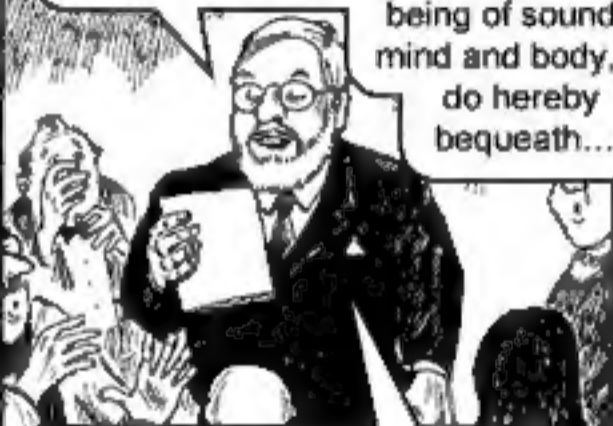
That evening

Sob, sob! I'm so sorry to call at this hour, but your father just passed away! Sob!

We did *everything* we could.

3 weeks later

This is the last will and testament of John Wilson Banks. "I, being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath...



all my worldly goods to my friend and saintly nurse, Kelli James..."

B... but... we're his *children!*

What does this *mean?*



Does she get *everything?!*

Everything. The will is legal in every way, and incontestable.

7 years later

What's the matter, Mrs. James? Are you sick?


Yes, Bonnie. I have cancer. The doctors say I'm *dying*.

My big sister had cancer, but *God took it away!*

Mr. Williams and the deacons prayed for her... and Jesus *healed* her!

Can we pray for *you* too? You can come to church with me.

That Sunday



My brothers and sisters,
today we continue our
story of the prophet Elijah.

Psst, I'm glad
you came.

About 900 years before Christ,
Israel was stuck with a greedy,
wicked king named Ahab... who

lusted after
his neighbor's
vineyard.

He just *had* to
have it... but what a
terrible price he paid.

This story is found in 1 Kings 21 and 22.

This beautiful vineyard was owned by a man named Naboth.



I should own that vineyard...
I *deserve* it!

So the king went to him. There was the king begging and pleading for that land from old Naboth. But Naboth said that the Lord wouldn't let him do it.

He said that it was "passed down to me and my kids...I *can't* give it to you."



Ahab was *furious*. Now, the power behind the throne was his wicked wife, Jezebel, who saw him pouting in the palace like a spoiled brat.

Why is thy spirit so sad,
that thou eatest no bread?"



Because Naboth answered,
I will not give thee my vineyard

† Kings 21 5-6

Doth thou now govern the kingdom of
Israel? Let thine heart be merry



I will give thee
the vineyard

Poor Naboth was about to face the
fury of one of the most vicious women
who ever lived.

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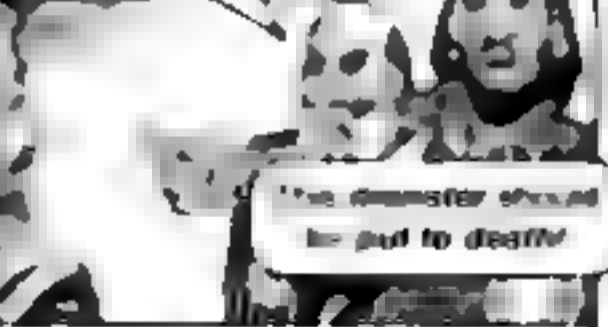
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This was the best day of his life.

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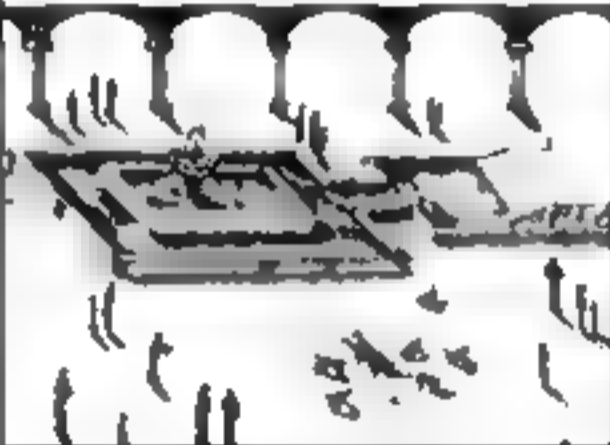
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God took note of the place
where they killed Naboth



That exact spot is where God
would get His payback

Jezebel broke the news to her hen-
pecked husband Ahab was excited!
The vineyard was his at last



There was only one person
that could wreck his day

That was Elijah, the prophet of God who called fire down from heaven and had 450 of Jezebel's prophets put to death.*



Hasst thou found me
O mine enemy?

Because thou hast sold thyself to
work evil in the sight of the Lord

Thus saith the Lord. In the place
where dogs licked the blood of
Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood

and the dogs shall eat Jezebel
by the wall of Jezreel**

*See 1 Kings 18 **1 Kings 21 19-23

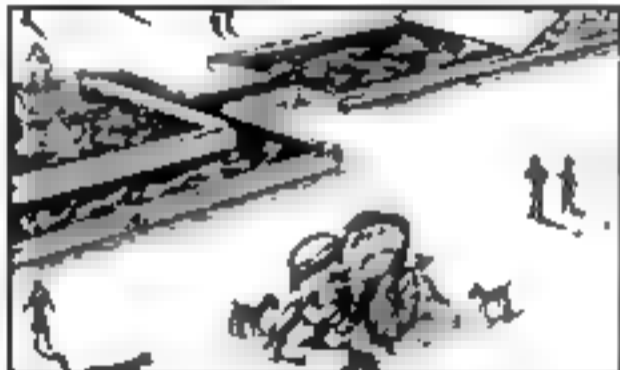
Watch how all this came to pass — God **doesn't** play games

In Ahab's last battle, an enemy soldier shot an arrow into the air and God guided it



Ahab bled all day long in his chariot and died that evening

His bloody chariot was washed in Jezreel exactly where Naboth was killed. And the dogs licked his blood fulfilling Elijah's prophecy



He had been paid back
One down, one to go!

Years later that murderous old witch,
Jezebel, finally went to the dogs




When the dogs were finished
with Jezebel not much was left




It was pretty gross.
See 2 Kings 9 30-37

and God sent them both to hell
For his eyes are upon the ways of man
and he watch all his goings. Job 34 21



Oh my God
I did the same
thing to Mr
Banks that
Jezebel did!

I am going to
hell, too!




Don't look down on Jezebel and
Ahab because God knows
we've all done things that
should put us
into hell.*

But in His great love He did something
wonderful for us that only He could do

* If we all have sinned and come short
of the glory of God Romans 3 23

God* left heaven to go to the cross
and shed His precious blood to
wash away our sins



For God so loved the
world, that he gave
his only begotten
Son, that whosoever
believeth in him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life
John 3:16

He died and was buried and three
days later He rose from the dead

*God the Son the Lord Jesus Christ

If you *believe* in Him and trust
the Lord Jesus Christ as your
personal Saviour you will be
saved and go to heaven



Yes, I do believe in You,
Jesus *Please* save me!

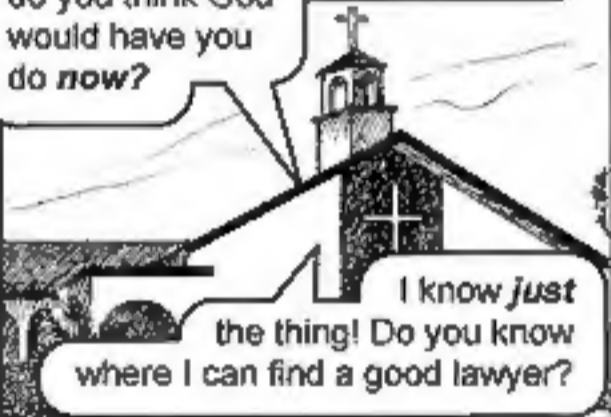
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the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine
heart that God hath raised him from the
dead thou shalt be saved Romans 10:9

Pastor Malcolm, I've been a Jezebel! I'm responsible for the *death* of a dear old man...



...and I *cheated* his relatives out of their inheritance. I've been a *wicked woman* and now I'm dying of cancer. Has God *really* forgiven me?

Yes, Kelli, that's *settled*.^a But what do you think God would have you do *now*?



I know *just* the thing! Do you know where I can find a good lawyer?

^a"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

A week later

Please sign these papers, Mrs. James.

Pastor, I've called a lot of people and asked them to forgive me for the terrible things I've done.

2:14 a.m. — Kelli James is pronounced dead

We're going home to glory, Kelli!

Ohh! It's all so *beautiful!*

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

1 Corinthians 2:9



No matter what you've done, you must repent and...
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

